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## Medicare Part D

Beginning January 1, 2006, if a Medicaid recipient is entitled to Medicare Part A or B, federal law states that Medicaid CANNOT pay for this recipient's prescription drugs. This federal law also applies even when a recipient has not enrolled with a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan or the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan does not become effective until a future month. The pharmacy can submit a point of sale claim to Wellpoint, which is Medicare's transitional or temporary Part D prescription drug plan.

Wellpoint's phone number is 1-800-662-0210. If a pharmacy is having problems filing with Wellpoint, they can contact Medicare's pharmacy consultant: Dr. Denise Stanley at 404-562-7366.

There are classes of drugs that federal regulations do not require PDP formularies to cover. These classes of drugs are referred to as excluded drugs. Medicaid currently covers a subset of these excluded drugs and will continue to cover them for all Medicaid clients after January 2006.

There will be no coverage for the following excluded drug classes:

1. Agents Used for Anorexia, Weight Loss, Weight Gain
2. Agents Used to Promote Fertility
3. Agents Used for Cosmetic Purposes or Hair Growth
4. Covered Outpatient Drugs which the Manufacturer Seeks to Require as a Condition of Sale that Associated Tests or Monitoring Services be Purchased Exclusively from the Manufacturer or its Designee

There will be coverage for the following excluded drug classes if the manufacturer has a rebate agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and if the drug is a legend drug:

1. Agents Used for the Symptomatic Relief of Cough and Colds
2. Prescription Vitamins and Mineral Products, Except Prenatal Vitamins and Fluoride
3. Barbiturates
4. Benzodiazepines
5. Nonprescription drugs covered by NC Medicaid as documented in General Clinical Policy A2 on DMA's website at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/mp/mpindex.htm>

If a pharmacy receives a denial to bill Medicare, and the Medicaid recipient is no longer entitled to Medicare Part A or B or the Medicaid recipient's Medicare is not effective until a future month, the pharmacy can call the DMA Claims Analysis Unit at 919-855-4045 to have the recipient's Medicaid file corrected

## **Family Planning Waiver Eligible Recipients**

Effective October 1, 2005, the North Carolina “Be Smart” Family Planning Waiver was implemented. Eligible recipients for the Family Planning Waiver are:

- Women age 19 through 55
- Men age 19 through 60
- US citizens or documented immigrants
- North Carolina residents who:
- Have income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level
- Are not incarcerated, pregnant or permanently sterilized
- **Do not receive Medicare**

Recipients eligible to receive Family Planning Waiver services are not eligible for Medicaid under any other Medicaid program. The Department of Social Services (DSS) determines all recipient eligibility for the Family Planning Waiver. Local departments of social services should be contacted for questions regarding recipient eligibility. Providers should contact EDS with billing questions.

## **Correct Billing of Risperdal Consta**

As previously noted in the April 2005 North Carolina Medicaid Pharmacy Newsletter, claims for Risperdal Consta are being billed incorrectly, such as billing in ml or mg. Providers should bill each dispensed Risperdal Consta syringe as a quantity of one, two syringes as a quantity of two, etc. Do not bill for the amount of ml or mg dispensed. If there are questions regarding the correct unit of measure for a drug, please contact EDS Provider Services at 1-800-688-6696.

## **Clozaril Billing Update**

Claims for Clozaril, which must be billed in weekly increments, has caused problems in the past with the prescription limit. Therefore, the Point of Sale system was modified to allow multiple fills of Clozaril during the same calendar month. This change will allow multiple fills to be submitted on POS and counted as one prescription only. The dispensing fee and copay rules will remain the same.

## **EDS Provider Services**

This is a reminder that all calls regarding the recipient Medication Therapy Management lock-in program should be directed to EDS Provider Services at 1-800-688-6696 or 919-851-8888 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday – Friday). EDS has recently added additional staff to assist in the increased call volume.

## National Provider Identifier (NPI) Informational Seminar Schedule

National Provider Identifier (NPI) seminars are scheduled for October 2006. Seminars are intended for providers who are interested in obtaining a general overview of NPI and learning about DMA's implementation approach and plans for gathering NPIs.

The seminars are scheduled at the locations listed below. **Pre-registration is required.** Due to limited seating, registration is limited to two staff members per office. Unregistered providers are welcome to attend if space is available.

Providers may register for the NPI seminars by completing and submitting the registration form on the next page or by registering online at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/prov.htm>.

Please indicate the session you plan to attend on the registration form. **Seminars will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.** Providers are encouraged to arrive by 1:15 p.m. to complete registration. Providers are not required to bring any published material to this seminar

<b>Tuesday, October 3, 2006</b> City Hotel & Bistro Greenville Blvd Greenville, North Carolina	<b>Thursday, October 5, 2006</b> Jane S McKimmon Center 1101 Gorman Street Raleigh, North Carolina
<b>Tuesday, October 17, 2006</b> Blue Ridge Community College Bo Thomas Auditorium College Drive Flat Rock, North Carolina	<b>Tuesday, October 24, 2006</b> Holiday Inn Conference Center 530 Jake Alexander Blvd S. Salisbury, North Carolina

## Directions to the NPI Seminars

### *City Hotel & Bistro – Greenville*

From Raleigh: Take 264 East to Wilson, N.C., and then to Greenville. Coming into Greenville city limits, turn right at the 2nd stoplight onto 264 Alternate (also called Allen Road). The hotel is 5 miles from the turn, on the right.

From New Bern: Take 17 North to Vanceboro, N.C. In Vanceboro, take 43 East to Greenville. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> stoplight coming into Greenville (Plaza Mall is on your left), turn left onto Greenville Boulevard. The hotel is approximately 2 miles on the left.

From North/South of North Carolina: Take Interstate 95 to Wilson, N.C. In Wilson, take 264 East to Greenville. Coming into Greenville city limits, turn right at the 2nd stoplight onto 264 Alternate (also called Allen Road). The hotel is 5 miles from the turn, on the right.

### *Jane S. McKimmon Center – Raleigh*

Traveling East on I-40: Take Exit 295 and turn left onto Gorman Street. Travel approximately 2.5 miles. The McKimmon Center is located on the right at the corner of Gorman Street and Western Boulevard.



## Basic Medicaid Billing Seminar Schedule

Basic Medicaid Billing seminars are scheduled for October 2006. Seminars are intended for providers who are new to the NC Medicaid program. Topics to be discussed will include, but are not limited to, provider enrollment requirements, billing instructions, eligibility issues, and managed care. Persons inexperienced in billing NC Medicaid are encouraged to attend.

The seminars are scheduled at the locations listed below. **Pre-registration is required.** Due to limited seating, registration is limited to two staff members per office. Unregistered providers are welcome to attend if space is available.

Providers may register for the Basic Medicaid Billing seminars by completing and submitting the registration form on the next page or by registering online at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/prov.htm>. Please indicate the session you plan to attend on the registration form. **Seminars will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.** Providers are encouraged to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to complete registration. Providers are not required to bring any published material to this seminar

Providers must print the PDF version of the October 2006 Basic Medicaid Billing Guide from DMA's website at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/medbillcaguide.htm> and bring it to the seminar.

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## Directions to the Basic Medicaid Seminars

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Traveling West on I-40: Take Exit 295 and turn right onto Gorman Street. Travel approximately 2.5 miles. The McKimmon Center is located on the right at the corner of Gorman Street and Western Boulevard.

***Blue Ridge Community College, Bo Thomas Auditorium – Flat Rock***

Take I-40 to Asheville. Travel east on I-26 to Exit 53, Upward Road. Turn right at the end of the ramp. At the second light (about 0.5 mile), turn right onto South Allen Drive. Drive about 0.4 mile to the Blue Ridge Community College sign, and turn left onto College Drive. The first building on right is the Sink Building. Bo Thomas Auditorium is on the left side of the Sink Building.

***Holiday Inn Conference Center – Salisbury***

Traveling South on I-85: Take Exit 75. Turn right onto Jake Alexander Boulevard. Travel approximately 0.5 mile. The Holiday Inn is located on the right.

Traveling North in I-85: Take Exit 75. Turn left onto Jake Alexander Boulevard. Travel approximately 0.5 mile. The Holiday Inn is located on the right.

Basic Medicaid Seminars Seminar Registration (No Fee)	
Provider Name _____	
Medicaid Provider Number _____	NPI Number _____
Mailing Address _____	
City, Zip Code _____	County _____
Contact Person _____	E-mail _____
Telephone Number(____) _____	Fax Number _____
1 or 2 person(s) will attend the seminar at _____ on _____	
(circle one)	(location) (date)

## Changes in Drug Rebate Manufacturers

### Additions

The following labelers have entered into Drug Rebate Agreements and joined the rebate program effective on the dates indicated below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Date</i>
15210	OTN Generics, Inc.	09/02/2006
68727	Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	07/01/2006
60575	Respa Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	10/01/2006

### Reinstated Labeler

Shionogi USA, Inc. (Labeler Code 45809) has signed a new rebate agreement and was reinstated in the drug rebate program effective 09/11/2006.

### Terminated Labelers

The following labeler codes were terminated effective 07/01/2006:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>
00332	Biocraft Laboratories, Inc.
59417	Lotus Biochemical Corporation
65581	Propst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



### Checkwrite Schedule

September 06, 2006	October 10, 2006	November 07, 2006
September 12, 2006	October 17, 2006	November 14, 2006
September 19, 2006	October 26, 2006	November 21, 2006
September 28, 2006		

### Electronic Cut-Off Schedule

September 01, 2006	October 06, 2006	November 03, 2006
September 08, 2006	October 13, 2006	November 09, 2006
September 15, 2006	October 20, 2006	November 17, 2006
September 22, 2006		

*Electronic claims must be transmitted and completed by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite. Any claims transmitted after 5:00 p.m. will be processed on the second checkwrite following the transmission date. POS claims must be transmitted and completed by 12:00 midnight on the day prior to the electronic cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite.*

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